

**Getting To Zero MeckCo., an effort to End the HIV Epidemic in
MeckCo.**

Meeting Minutes

11/24/2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Getting To Zero MeckCo., an effort to End the HIV Epidemic in MeckCo. was called to order at 6:00PM on 11/24/2020 using zoom by Wesley Thompson, G2Z Co-lead.

Attendees

Renate Nnoko, Tajuanna Washington, Gabriella Borden, Amy Corneli, Angela Lee, Joel Wesley, Theresa Gamble, Mark Johnson, Laron Nelson, Robert Remien, Chris Beyer, Judith Cornelius, Brian Witt, Mahogany Graham, Matt Jenkins, Kristi McCray, Luis Cruz, Katryna McCoy, John Little, Solitta Jeffries, Brittany Mellinger, Rita, Riddick-Seels, Faye Marshall, Michael Leonard, Rick Fielder, Meagan Zarwell, Nicholas Hastings, Susan Reif, Haley Cooper, Shannon Farrar, Solita Royal, Jonathan Wilson, K Mccoy, Liz Greene, Kendal Brooks, Jason Harding, Donte' Prayer, Tamaica Evans Cooper, Bernard Davies, Patrice Marsh, Hazel Tap, Heather Weinke, Kirk Tilly, Alex Patton, Ann Marie Bracci, Rick Felder, Colette Townsend.

1. Welcome/Introductions (Wesley Thompson) 6:00 PM-6:10 PM

- During this time everyone was able to introduce themselves and the organizations they were representing

2. Amy Corneli, Ph.D PrEP Meck Study 6:10 PM – 6:15 PM

Amy Corneli presented on the PrEP Meck Study to seek support from MeckCo. The overall purpose of PrEP Meck is to identify implementation

strategies at the client level but also at the provider and clinic level and identify implementation outcomes and how to measure success.

3. HPTN096 – Increasing PrEP Uptake for AA same gender loving men in the South Laron, FHI 360 6:20 PM-7:00 PM

An overview of the project was presented and support from G2ZMeck. were sought.

Examples of potential engagements:

- Nominating a member of the Mecklenburg County Public Health or G2Z team to join the HPTN 096 protocol team, which meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 1pm ET. You do not have to be a protocol team member to listen to these calls, so multiple individuals from G2ZMeckco. group could listen in on these calls, if desired.
- If you are randomized to the intervention arm, nominating a member of the Mecklenburg County Public Health team to join one of the many HPTN 096 Working Groups that also meet monthly. These WGs are listed below.
 - Peer Support Intervention WG
 - Social Media Influencers Intervention WG
 - Cross-Sectional Assessments WG
 - Intersectional Stigma Intervention WG
 - Health Equity Intervention WG
- Nominating a member of Mecklenburg County Public Health team or community to be considered for the HPTN 096 Community Advisory Group (CAG). This group works to elevate the voice and needs of the community as well as local study participants.
- Providing the HPTN 096 team with a list of HIV care and PrEP clinics in MeckCo, as well as thoughts on which clinics would benefit

most from the Intersectional Stigma Reduction Intervention. If possible, we would like to have MeckCo. work with our CDC colleagues to provide aggregated clinic data to identify the percentage of Black MSM (or Black men if risk data are not available) who are receiving HIV-related services at the identified clinics.

- Identifying folks to serve as field workers in MeckCo. who would be collecting data/samples to be included in the cross-sectional assessment? This work would be compensated.
- Identifying individuals who could serve as peer support workers via the virtual app. This work would be compensated.
- Assisting with the laboratory needs of HPTN 096. The HPTN has its own Laboratory and Data Management System (LDMS) with LDMS-compliant labs in numerous study communities. However, we hope to find partners in the communities that currently lack facilities able to complete the necessary lab services. With that, partnering with HPTN 096 in this regard would require a lab to manage samples and be trained on our LDMS. This work would be compensated.

4. EHE draft plan (Renate Nnoko) 7:00PM-7:45PM

Renate Nnoko presented the draft of the first three sections of the EHE plan for feedback. There was general agreement with the plan provided the following changes were made or action items completed:

- “HIV Cluster” slide: acknowledge how we can include HIV Cluster instead of simply stating that we are not doing it
- Questioning around providing free HIV testing through vending machines: Provide evidence of this and present to the group by next meeting
- Include pharmacies as possible players in providing PrEP medication
- Concerns around the word “less toxic” for Discovey over Truvada
Be clear that Churches will have the opportunity to choose which EHE pillar the would like to focus on to help end HIV.

Any other business (Renate Nnoko) 7:45 PM-8:00PM -None

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